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1.  money for construction projects allotted to units in the area of the Eberswalde special construction bureau for 1954 amounted to 12,000 DM east for the air force in Oranienburg; and 15,000 DM (East) for quarters for officers' dependents of the topographic battalion in Building 8 of the Weisse Stadt Settlement; about 2,500,000 DM (East) for Eberswalde, with most of the money being allotted to officer dependents quarters in Bad Freienwalde, Britz and Finow; 1,250,000 DM east for officer dependents quarters in Biesenthal; and about 1,500,000 to 1,750,000 DM (East) for Bernau. The former finance office building on Zeppernicker Chaussee, the former Landratsamt building, referred to as Villa Herb, and building No 7 in army clothing depot No 1, in Bernau, will allegedly be converted into billets for dependents.

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2. At about 2:30 p.m. on 18 January, 1 jeep, 8 trucks each occupied by 16 soldiers with black-bordered crimson epaulets, 2 trucks each towing a 85-mm AT gun, and 1 SU-76 entered the Flak Kaserne in Wismar.<sup>1</sup>

3. At 11:50 a.m. on 17 January, the following column crossed the Strassenbruecke-Nord in Magdeburg toward west: 2 jeeps, 3  armored personnel carriers, 1 anti-tank lance, 1 field kitchen, about 25 trucks, about 12 AT guns, and 4 x 120-mm mortars.

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4. On 13 January, a column of 1 sedan, and 2 x 132-mm rocket launchers  drove toward Premnitz from the direction of Rathenow.<sup>3</sup>  The following columns drove toward Schmerzke from the direction of Brandenburg-Altstadt:

At 8:30 a.m. on 14 January. About 12 trucks with straw mattresses, boxes and billeting equipment and several trucks  occupied by 4 to 6 men each.

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At 6:30 a.m. on 15 January. 12 trucks towing 37-mm AA guns, and each occupied by 10 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets and closely followed by about 30 other trucks with straw mattresses, boxes and other luggage, 1 radio truck and 1 jeep.

At 7:30 a.m. on 15 January. 13 trucks towing 82-mm mortars, 1 bus, 12 trucks with luggage, straw mattresses, boilers and boxes.

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At 8:30 a.m. on 16 January, 35 to 40 trucks with straw mattresses, boxes and boilers towing a 82-mm mortar and 2 field kitchens.

5. At about 7:15 a.m. on 15 January, a column of 10 to 25-mm and a large number of trucks loaded with lockers and bedsteads passed through Brandenburg in the direction of Potsdam. Motor vehicle numbers could not be identified because of darkness.

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2. Comment. Probably, units of the 288th Gds Mtz Rifle Regt of the 94th Gds Mtz Rifle Div. AT guns of 85 mm have also been observed with the 39th Gds Mtz Rifle Div and 57th Gds Mtz Rifle Div.

3. Comment. [redacted] artillery units of the 19th Gds Mecz Div which, presumably, went to Letzling Heath for firing practice. A similar column was seen en route toward Letzling Heath on 11 January.

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3. Comment. The guns which, [redacted] belong to the 25th Gds RL Brig, are believed to have gone to Altengrabow by road to conduct firing practice there. Other elements of the brigade had moved to Altengrabow via the same road on 11 January.

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4. Comment. Report again confirms the transfer to Potsdam of the 299th Gds Mort Regt of the 10th Gds Tank Div between 14 and 16 January. [redacted] Data on weapons and motor vehicle [redacted] in the present report furthermore indicate the transfer, presumably also to Potsdam, of the 359th Gds AAA Regt of the division. However, the light AAA of the regiment has 37 mm rather than 25 mm guns.

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